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Sir:

I, R. Hal Scofield, hereby declare that:

1. I am familiar with the above-identified patent application and the claimed subject matter.

2. I am a coauthor of the paper entitled "60 kD Ro/SSA Autoepitopes are Found in Regions of Homology Between Ro/SSA and the Nucleocapsid Protein of Vesicular Stomatitis Virus", *Arthritis and Rheumatism*, 33(9), S101 (1990), "The Autoantigenicity of Human 60 kD Ro/SSA is Related to Homologies Between Ro/SSA and the Nucleocapsid Protein of Vesicular Stomatitis Virus", *Clinical Research*, 38(2), 316A (1990) and "An Hypothesis for the HLA-B27 Immune Dysregulation in Spondyloarthropathy. Contributions from Enteric Organisms B27 Structure, Peptides bound by B27 and Convergent Evolution", *Proc. Intl. Acad. Sci.*, 90:9330-9334 (1993).

3. I did not conceive or reduce to practice any of the claimed subject matter in this application other than at the direction of Dr. John Harley.

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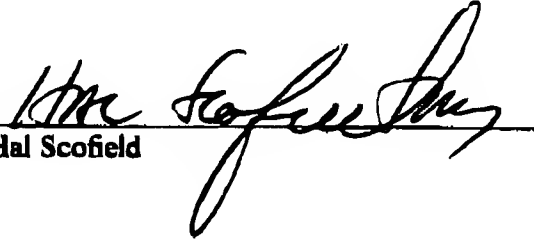
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